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FOR SMITHSONIAN - ATTENTION QUINTON HOGLUND

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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN: WISSA WASSEF TAPERSTRIES, SFCP GRANT
FR-4-60103

REF: STATE 84998

1. REGRET DELAY IN REPLYING TO REFTEL BUT ALL PRINCIPALS CONCERNED HAVE BEEN UNAVAILABLE FOR PAST WEEK. ESSO INFORMS US THAT MRS. WISSA WASSEF HAS DECIDED TO INCREASE DELEGATION SIZE BY TWO, A CHAPERONE FOR THE WEAVERS AND ONE OF THE WEAVER'S CHILDREN. TWO EXTRA'S TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE PAID FOR BY MRS. WISSA WASSEF AND, ACCORDING TO ESSO HERE, EXXON NEW YORK OFFICE IS AWARE OF THIS AND HAS ADJUSTED ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS ACCORDINGLY.

2. REGARDING FLIGHT PLANS, MRS. WISSA WASSEF TOLD ESSO SHE WANTS TO TRAVEL TO PARIS EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK. TWA TOLD ESSO THAT IF GROUP TRAVELED FROM CAIRO -ROME AND PARIS - NEW YORK BY TWA WITH DIRECT NEW YORK CAIRO RETURN THEY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ROME PARIS PORTION BEING ON ANOTHER AIRLINE. WE TOLD ESSO THAT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT TRAVEL IS TO BE BY DIRECT FLIGHT BOTH WAYS AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE CONFIRMATION FROM SMITHSONIAN BEFORE ADVISING TWA TO ISSUE TICKETS WITH PARIS STOPOVER. ESSO PERSON NOW HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS UNFORTUNATELY HAS NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECT BEFORE AND SO IS NOT AWARE OF PRECEDING HISTORY. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD HOLD UP RESERVATIONS UNTIL WE HAVE SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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WORD FROM WASHINGTON.

3. THREE WEAVERS PLAN TO TRAVEL TO PARIS IN ADVANCE OF MRS. WISSA WASSEF AND REST OF PARTY APRIL 25. MRS. WISSA WASSEF WILL LEAVE CAIRO MAY 8 AND ENTIRE GROUP WILL TRAVEL TO NEW YORK MAY 10.

4. REQUEST SMITHSONIAN INFORM EMBASSY NOT LATER THAN APRIL 21 IF ABOVE PLANS ACCEPTABLE. WE BELIEVE THAT FOUR TICKETS BEING PAID FOR BY SMITHSONIAN SHOULD BE FOR THOSE FIRST FOUR MENTIONED PARA 1 CAIRO 3351.

5. WE ARE PUZZLED BY PARA TWO STATE 84998 REGARDING PAYMENT FOR SIX TRAVELLERS. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE WOULD PURCHASE FOUR TICKETS IN CAIRO AND THAT PRE-PAID TICKETS WOULD BE SENT FOR THE EXTRA TWO PERSONS ONLY. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. TWA SHOULD NOTIFY MISS SUZANNE RAPHAEL AT THE EMBASSY WHEN THEY ARE READY FOR TICKET ISSUANCE.
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